



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held September 12, 2006, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

The Director of Public Health's recommendation to ratify the Director's prior acceptance of Standard Agreement from the California Department of Health Services (CDHS) to support the Department's Environmental Health's inspection and registration of radiation producing machines and the evaluation of licensing applications for the use, storage, handling, disposal, and transportation of radioactive materials, for the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, in amount of \$2,332,305, at a net County cost of \$16,527; authorize the Director to execute forthcoming Standard Agreements from the CDHS for Fiscal Years 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, and 2010-11, to continue support of the Department's Environmental Health's Radiation Management Program; and authorize the Director to execute forthcoming amendments to the recommended agreements which do not exceed 30% of the total amount for each Fiscal Year.

The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Molina and Knabe:

"For many years, the State Department of Health Services has contracted with the County's Environmental Health Division to inspect and register radiation producing machines and evaluate licensing applications for the use, handling, disposal and transportation of radioactive materials within the County. This is a State function for which the State receives fee-for-service revenues from the inspected entities.

"This year, the State has invoked a provision of the State Code which enables the State to not reimburse contracted entities for salaries, benefits, or indirect costs which exceed 'comparable costs' of the State Department. The effect of this action will result in a net County cost of \$16,527 for Fiscal Year 2006-07 with the potential of increasing to \$126,000 or more in future fiscal years.

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“The effect of the State’s action is to create a mandated cost since it is impossible to return this program to the State without significant advance planning. Moreover, the Radiological Management Unit of Environmental Health, responsible for executing this contract, also plays a key role in our preparedness for radiologic accidents and terrorism. Because the nature of radiologic management has changed and become more complex, the radiation management staff is seeking reclassification of their positions which could also affect future County costs under this State contract.”

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Molina, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Director of Public Health’s attached recommendation was adopted as amended to:

1. Delete the authorization of the Director to execute forthcoming Standard Agreements and any amendments to the agreements for Fiscal Years 2007-08 through 2010-11;
2. Authorize the Director of Public Health, in collaboration with the Chief Administrative Officer and County Counsel, to:
 - Negotiate with the State to fully reimburse the County for all costs of the contract, and
 - If not, to return to the Board within 90 days with a recommendation regarding whether the County should continue this contract, taking into account the benefits of the program, which supports the Public Health Department’s Environmental Health Division’s inspection and registration of radiation producing machines and the evaluation of licensing applications; and
3. Authorize the Director of Public Health and the Chief Administrative Officer to review the classifications for the radiation management staff and report back to the Board on this issue within 90 days.

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Attachment

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Each Supervisor
Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Director of Public Health